

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2016

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 17 members present. The presentations were made by 3 members of **West London Philatelic Society**.

The first speaker **Maurice Buxton** displayed eight frames of covers of **American Stamp Dealers Trade Mail** advertising their trade by attractively decorated envelopes from 1816 onwards.



Maurice showed an attractive display, well written up with descriptions plus letters to notable collectors including F.D.Roosevelt. The letters were from and to American Philatelic Societies and examples of overseas mail, including World War II censored letters, all with advertising or relevant diagrams.



Chris Oliver, the second speaker, showed a single frame of the **Korean War Mail** from the South African forces to their homeland. It included letter cards, postal stationary and envelopes with examples of "Free Forces Mail", cachets and various cancels including the post offices of the Australian and American forces.

The third speaker was **Melvyn Green** with a display entitled "**Local Interest**". There was a wide ranging assembly of mail plus varied memorabilia, including

perfins, from the London districts of Brentford and Ealing plus a few from Croydon. A fascinating record of the economic and social aspects of life in those areas and including examples of cancels from many/most of the post offices in the area.



The meeting closed at 21.30 hours with a vote of thanks from President Richard.

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